From the Principal:
Well done to all students who competed in and enjoyed the Small Schools Athletics carnival last Friday. A special congratulations to Alarna (Snr. Girl Runner-Up) and Ben Bingley (Junior Boy Champion). Congratulations also to Gunning Public School for being Outright points winner and Wee Jasper for aggregate points winner.

On behalf of the staff and students I would like to sincerely thank all those parents and volunteers who helped out by working in the canteen, selling raffle tickets, donating some items of food and assisting with timing of events. Special thanks to Rod Pack for marking the grounds and Natalie Allen for co-ordinating the canteen. Your tireless contribution ensured the day was a success.

Our Term 2 P&C meeting is to be held next Monday 12th May—week 3 at 3.15pm. I hope to see many of you at the meeting to share ideas and plan for our Term 2 activities.

Children of parents attending the meeting are welcome to stay in the Upper Division classroom to view a film while the meeting is held. Older students will also have access to the computers.

Mrs Pack and Ms Pritchard will be attending a regional meeting this Friday. Mrs Armour will be replacing Ms Pritchard for the day. We thank you for keeping phone calls to a minimum.

Clare Pritchard
Mother’s Day Raffle
Congratulations to the Packs on winning the Small Schools ‘Mothers Day’ raffle last Friday.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy testing will take place on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May.

Every year all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 are assessed on the same days using national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The results of NAPLAN help determine if students are reaching important educational outcomes. Participation in these tests is mandatory for all students in Yrs. 3, 5, 7 and 9.

The program is as follows:

**Tuesday:** Writing and Language conventions
**Wednesday:** Reading
**Thursday:** Maths

Ms Pritchard will supervise the students completing the tests in the library. Years 4 and 6 will be supervised by additional staff in the classroom to undertake their usual program.

Naplan will commence from 9:00am each morning. All materials needed by the students to complete the tests will be provided by the school.

Parents are asked to contact the school as quickly as possible should their child need to be absent on any of the testing days.

Should you require any further information please contact Ms Pritchard.
This week we wish Happy Birthday to Zane, Jonah and Mr. Pack.

“Some of the best lessons we ever learn we learn from our mistakes and failures. The error of the past is the success and wisdom of the future.”

Fruit Break/Little Shop of Horrors Performance

Fruit Break Reminder
Children are encouraged to eat a small snack of fruit during the morning session. Older students manage whole pieces of fruit well but our younger ones need to have apples, oranges etc cut up and sealed in a small container or bag. Parents wishing to provide fruit break for their children might like to consider vegetable sticks, cheese sticks and dried fruit as suitable, healthy alternatives to fresh cut fruit.

‘Little Shop of Horrors’ performance
Our older students enjoyed the dress rehearsal of “Little Shop of Horrors” today, put on by students and staff of Yass High. Thanks to the parents who were able to provide transport.

Evening performances of this entertaining show take place 7th, 8th and 9th of May 6:30pm. Tickets available from Yass High school at $15 for adults and $10 for students and/or concession.

Musica Viva
Students K-6 will be attending the Musica Viva performance of ‘Jacana’ at Jugiong Public School on Thursday 22nd May.

Travel and performance costs will be paid for by P&C. This quartet of piano, viola, clarinet and cello will take students through the urban, coastal and outback landscapes of Australia. Could parents please complete the permission note attached and return to school by Monday 19th?

Textbooks/Voluntary Contributions/ P&C/ Active After Schools

Textbooks
Costs are as follows:
Maths $12.00
Spelling Conventions: $11.20
Spelling Mastery: $24.50

Years 1/2
Cost of these workbooks are $10.50.

Payment for these textbooks is now due, please forward this amount to school. Thank you

Voluntary Contributions
Each year families are asked to make a voluntary contribution to the school. All funds collected assist us in providing the resources required for our teaching programs. The amount of $30 per family has been set by the P&C Association at our 2014 AGM and is payable to the school.

P&C Meeting Term 2
The next meeting of the Bowning P&C association is to be held on Monday 12th May at 3:15pm in the school staff room.

All parents and community members are encouraged to attend.

P&C MEETING
Monday 12th May
2014
3:15pm

The Resilience Doughnut
We will be introducing this great program to assist our Year 6 recognise and build on their personal strengths. Helena Painting will lead Year 6 through this Resilience program. Parents are invited to an information session from 11am next Thursday, 15th May. Please RSVP by Wednesday 14th May. Parents may also like to see Ms. Pritchard for more information.
Week 2, Term 2

Small Schools Athletics Photos

Community Events & Attachments

Gino’s Fruit & Veg.
Don’t forget Gino’s Fruit & Veg orders. Orders may be faxed, emailed or phoned and deliveries will take place each Friday, at Bowning.

Email: ginosveg@bigpond.com
Ph: 69454076 Mob: 0422078724
Fax: 69454136

Active After School Activities Term 2
Activities for Term 2 is hockey which will commence next Monday from 3—4pm. Afternoon tea will be provided. Could parents please complete the consent form attached and return to school by Friday 9th May.

Mini-Music for Parents/Community – Change of Venue

Mini-music takes place each Tuesday from 10 am -12 pm at the CWA rooms near the Bowning Hall. Helena will be holding a fun and informal get together for mothers and children 0-5 years. This group will meet for coffee, chat, play and musical activities. All are welcome.

Attachments:
• Musica Viva permission note
• Canberra’s Child magazine
• Active After Schools consent form
• RSVP Resilience note

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Bowning Recipe Books for Sale $15.00
Available for purchase from the School Office

Bowning Small Schools Athletics Photos
to review your family’s privacy settings and discuss online security. You’ll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at www.ipc.nsw.gov.au

Printable planners for homework and study
School A to Z has printable monthly planners which include school holidays and the numbered weeks of each Term (for example Monday 19 May is the start of Week 4, in Term 2). Print one for each child to stick on the fridge or on their noticeboards. It’s a great way to teach them how scheduling their time means they’ll to fit in the fun activities as well as their other commitments and responsibilities. Download May 2014 at http://bit.ly/UbmQz8

Is your child’s backpack damaging their spine?

A recent Australian study has shown that approximately 25% of school-aged children suffer from back and/or neck pain at any one time. It’s believed to be due to a combination of factors such as poor posture, everyday load carrying and the use of computers. The Children’s Hospital at Westmead suggests young people should:
- not carry more than 10% of their body weight
- use a backpack with the straps over both shoulders and a waist strap
- load gear so that the heavier objects are nearer to the spine, with the lighter objects towards the front of the pack
- lift a backpack properly—bend at the knees and lift the pack with both hands

More tips at http://bit.ly/1iB4OBo